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## Western States to Discuss Advances, Challenges in Victim Services

### *Victim Service Leaders Collaborate to Further Improve Services to Victims of Crime*

**Sacramento, CA** – Today, directors from nearly 20 state Crime Victim Compensation Programs including California have gathered for the Western States Conference in San Francisco to discuss recent advances and ongoing gaps in services for victims of violent crime.

“California has made significant advancements in recent years to improve services to victims of violent crime through extended filing periods, benefit changes, and increased outreach,” said Julie Nauman, the Executive Officer of the California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP). “I am eager to gather with other victim compensation program leaders to learn about their successes, their obstacles, how they are overcoming challenges, and the process and program changes they have determined beneficial to the victims they serve.”

Dan Eddy, Executive Director of the National Association of Crime Victim Compensation Boards, partnered with Nauman to design the curriculum for the three-day conference to empower victim compensation programs throughout the nation.

“Many states look to California’s program, and I am eager to share about recent CalVCP regulation changes and studies, how California is doing more with less, and how CalVCP utilizes new technologies to continue to serve victims and educate our partners,” Nauman said.

Nauman will be joined by presenters Dan Eddy, Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O’Malley, San Bernardino District Attorney Mike Ramos, and Covered California and CalVCP staff. Discussions will center on:

- The changing atmosphere in victim services
- CalVCP regulation changes, including rules involving prostitutes who become victims of rape
- A recent study conducted through Berkeley in conjunction with CalVCP to identify underserved populations and gaps in services and/or accessibility
- Collaborative approaches to serving victims

With recent changes occurring in many of the 50 state compensation programs, representatives will gather to discuss changes to their policies and collaborate with one another.

For more information about available services for victims of violent crime in California, visit:  
[www.calvcp.ca.gov](http://www.calvcp.ca.gov).

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*The California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP), a division of the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board (VCGCB), provides compensation for victims of violent crime who are injured or threatened with injury. Among the crimes covered are domestic violence, child abuse, sexual and physical assault, homicide, robbery, and vehicular manslaughter.*

*If a person meets eligibility criteria, CalVCP will compensate many types of services when the costs are not covered by other sources. Eligible services include medical and dental care, mental health services, income loss, funeral expenses, rehabilitation and relocation. Funding for CalVCP comes from restitution fines and orders, penalty assessments levied on persons convicted of crimes and traffic offenses, and matching federal funds. The program is not taxpayer funded.*